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On Behalf Of: therapists and their clients
Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care
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Hello,

My name is Hannah Quinn Rivenburgh and I'm an LPC in Oregon.

We are held to high ethical standards in the documentation and treatment of our patients, and yet our livelihood can be upended by an insurance company audits.

Overall, this leads to a bigger problem: of skilled clinicians opting out of taking insurance altogether and instead only working with clients who can afford to pay out of pocket--which means that anyone who CAN'T afford those fees and must use their insurance benefits to seek mental health care have a less diverse, less deep pool of therapists to work with. This increases systemic inequities within mental health treatment.

Please support this bill.

Thank you,

Quinn